(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to address the problems highlighted in the report in order to control and eradicate the terrorist activities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Govt. is aware of the designs of forces inimical to the country and is fully prepared and capable of handling every situation/ eventuality.

Special Task Force to watch ISI activities

1831. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Special Task Force focussed on ISI activities is being set up;

(b) whether this task force will be sharing information with Federal Bureau of Investigation of the US; and

(c) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir. However, other mechanisms are in place to counter ISI activities through coordinated efforts of Central and State security agencies.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Policy on posting of AGMU cadre IAS and IPS officers in North-East

1832. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of posting of AGMU cadre IAS and IPS officers in North-East; and

(b) the names of AGMU cadre IAS and IPS officers who have not done a posting in North-East in accordance with the above policy with their years of service and reasons for not doing such posting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The transfer and posting of officers of AGMU cadre of IAS and IPS is regulated in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Joint Cadre Authority constituted by the Government for the purpose. In accordance with these guidelines, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep Islands and Daman & Diu / Dadra & Nagar Haveli have been categorized as "hard" areas for the purpose of posting in the Cadre. These guidelines further provide that a member of the Cadre shall normally spend a tenure in a "hard" area during the first 14 years of service after completion of probation and another tenure during the following 10 years. It is not, therefore, under these guidelines, mandatory for every officer of the Cadre to spend a tenure in the North-Eastern States of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram so long as he spends a tenure in any other constituent-segment categorized as "hard" area. However, the transfers/postings are decided in a manner to ensure that the services of adequate number of officers are placed at the disposal of the State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram also.

Pak intruders in J&K

1833. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 200 Pak army regulars who entered the J&K valley as fake militants had surrendered on orders from their ISI bosses and thereafter these rehabilitated militants fled to Pakistan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that with the withdrawal of 58 army battalions, the security in the valley has seriously weakened; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to tackle both the problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, the strategies, tactics and dynamic deployment to counter the terrorists are constantly reviewed, refined